

## REMEDATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

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### Brownfields Transaction Forum at National Conference

Registration for the National Brownfields Conference in Denver is open through **October 14**. This free annual conference will be **November 2 through 4**, and this year includes a transaction forum to connect brownfield property owners with brokers, developers, investors and end users. The transaction forum will also include market data, sessions on buying and selling contaminated properties and a showcase "Real Estate Gallery". More information, including the complete conference agenda and the registration form is at <http://www.brownfields2005.org/en/index.aspx>

### WI Brownfield Issues Conference Reminder

The Wisconsin Chapter of the National Brownfields Association is holding a meeting on emerging issues on **Tuesday, October 18**, from 1:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Kenosha Public Museum. Topics include water diversion and the public trust. The chapter has planned a bus tour at 3:00 and a reception at 5:00 featuring properties available for redevelopment. You may register for the conference by visiting [http://www.brownfieldassociation.org/mailers/WI\\_mailer\\_101805.htm](http://www.brownfieldassociation.org/mailers/WI_mailer_101805.htm) For more information, contact the NBA at (773) 714-0407 or by email at [nbaevent@brownfieldnews.com](mailto:nbaevent@brownfieldnews.com).

### Green Makeover Conference Reminder

*Retrofitting Sites in Urban Areas to Enrich City Environments* will be held **October 19 and 20** in Milwaukee. Speakers will cover air and water quality, storm water management, enhancing habitat, improving quality of life and overcoming barriers. The conference includes a design charrette featuring extreme green makeovers for three Milwaukee sites. The cost is \$125, with an additional \$50 for those who choose the optional tour on October 21. Register for the conference at: <http://128.248.232.70/glakes/ce/courseDetail.asp?GID=319> or by calling 312-996-6904.

### Don't forget the October 20 SAG Deadline

The deadline for round seven of DNR's annual Brownfield Site Assessment Grants is approaching fast – **October 20**. Our application form, instructions and tips on eligibility are at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/sag.htm>. For those who are already planning ahead, application materials for SAG round eight should be available in the summer of 2006, with the applications due in the fall of 2006. There is \$1.7 million available in each round.

### Watch for EPA Brownfield Grant Announcement

EPA's federal fiscal year 2006 brownfield assessment, cleanup and revolving loan fund grant application guidelines (and application due date) should be determined soon. Watch the EPA web site at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm> for an announcement.

### Coastal Management Grants due November 4

Wisconsin's Coastal Management Grants may be used in all counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan. These grants may be applied toward investigation and cleanup of environmental contamination. For more information, please see the Coastal Management web page at [http://www.doa.state.wi.us/pagesubtext\\_detail.asp?linksubcatid=250](http://www.doa.state.wi.us/pagesubtext_detail.asp?linksubcatid=250)

### **Greenspace & Public Facilities Grants Coming in Spring**

Applications materials for the next round of DNR's Brownfields Green Space and Public Facilities Grants are expected to be available in the spring of 2006, with grant applications due in the summer. We'll have \$1 million available in this one-time application window during the 2006-2007 biennium. This will be the second round for these grants, which may be awarded to local governments to conduct environmental cleanup of brownfield properties that they plan to use as parks, recreation areas, or for local governmental facilities such as libraries or police stations. For more information, please see [http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/greenspace\\_grant.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/greenspace_grant.htm).

### **Phase 1 & 2 Training Reminder**

DNR and the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) are holding technical training on Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments. Staff from ASTM and the RR Program will hold three sessions in Wisconsin:

- **November 29 – December 1**, 2005 in Eau Claire
- **January 30 – February 1**, 2006 in Appleton, and
- **February 6-8**, 2006 in Milwaukee

The cost of the three-day course is \$895 and includes ASTM instructors and RR Program staff who will discuss how ESAs are used by the DNR. For more a course description, please see

[http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/calendar/astm\\_wi\\_brochure.pdf](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/calendar/astm_wi_brochure.pdf). The registration form is at [http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/calendar/astm\\_wi\\_registration\\_form.pdf](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/calendar/astm_wi_registration_form.pdf)

### **Governor's Award for Excellence in Environmental Performance**

The Federation of Environmental Technologists (FET) is accepting applications through **December 1** for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Award for Excellence in Environmental Performance. For more information, please see <http://www.fetinc.org/index.html> and click on FET News.

### **Proposed PECFA & Consultant Rule Changes**

The Department of Commerce has announced rule changes expected to become effective on **April 1, 2006**. The major changes to the PECFA rule, Comm 47, include a prioritized competitive public bidding process and establishing a usual and customary cost schedule for most work that is not bid. Revision of Comm 5 would clarify credential requirements for the PECFA program. For more information, please see

<http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/ER/ER-PECFA-LegislativeReviewComm5andComm47.html>

### **Report on Estimating Costs of Institutional Controls**

The Land Use Controls section of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has completed a new report on costs required to implement institutional controls. Institutional controls are used when contaminated sites are cleaned up to levels that require some controls on future use to ensure that assumptions about restricted use of the site prevent human exposure to remaining contaminants. The report discusses the costs of ensuring successful long-term implementation of institutional controls and outlines questions to ask during the development of a remediation plan to assure that those costs are addressed as part of the remedy. To read the executive summary or the full report, please visit <http://lucs.org/news.cfm?id=278>. For more information about the ICMA see <http://icma.org/main/sc.asp>